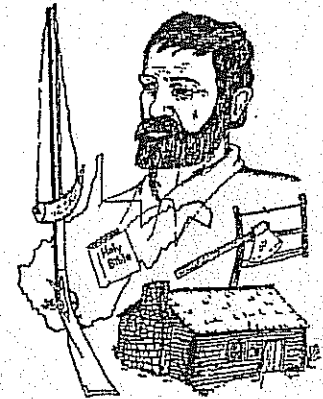


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PROSE from the PREZ



Hi Folks!

Things here at HCPD are moving at a very exciting rate! We have several events planned and have been working hard on several projects.

The kitchen roof has (finally) been replaced and the kitchen all painted up and spruced up. Those of you who are familiar with our kitchen may not recognize the old place!

Gathering plans are in place and I know you have all received your mailing. Now we just need all of you to come and celebrate this milestone year with us! Barb has great things planned and there should be something for everyone to enjoy and profit from.

We also have a surprise for those of you who attend Gathering. It is a rather exciting surprise so we hope this will encourage more of you to be present for it.

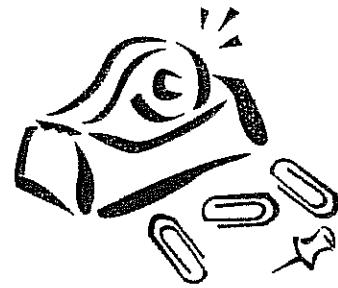
I would like to take this opportunity to tell you what a wonderful group of volunteers we have at the library right now and to thank them for all they have been doing and continue to do. The volunteers have a wide range of talents and interests so we are able to work on a multiplicity of projects simultaneously. I would also like to encourage those of you out there in HCPD land who have volunteered to work on a project in your respective homes to keep us informed of your progress. If you have found that a project is more than you can handle, don't hesitate to tell us and return the materials. We all have other lives and things sometimes keep us from accomplishing everything we would like to do.

Keep in touch as some important information will be coming your way in the next few months.

Mary

From the DESK

Of the DIRECTOR



Today is a beautiful spring day here in Horner, WV. The redbud and dogwood are in full bloom and the smell of freshly cut grass is in the air. Too bad we have to work indoors this afternoon but duty does call!

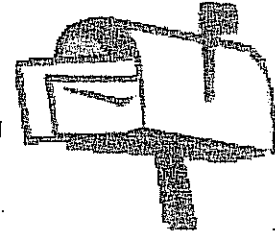
I just want to remind everyone that we are in the process of completing plans for our 25th Annual Gathering. Everyone should have received a brochure and registration form in the mail by now. If you have not, please e-mail us at hcpd@hackerscreek.com and we will certainly send you one. There are several special workshops planned for this anniversary event and the Dinner Cruise on the Stonewall Jackson Lake on Wednesday evening, August 9th, promises to be a great evening. Don't forget to register as soon as possible as we need to know the number of participants for the cruise to ensure that we have a cruise just for HCPD members and guests.

As spring has arrived, so have visitors to the Library. We have had people from Maryland, Michigan and several other states visiting with us recently. If you are planning a trip to our area, and our Library in particular, this summer please let us know you are coming and what we can do to assist you with your trip. Again you may contact us by e-mail at hcpd@hackerscreek.com or phone us at 304-269-7091. We have fairly comprehensive hours but if you are traveling a long way and need arrangements for special hours, please contact us in advance and we will try to assist you if we can arrange for a volunteer to be available. We look forward to this time of year and visits from many of you. It is always nice to meet our members and potential members face-to-face.

Betty Ann

From

the MAILBOX



April 18, 2006

My family and I were in town last week. I met my Allman cousins, Maurice and Berth and their wonderful family.

I also got to meet my Kelley cousins Eva Newlon and her sister. I must thank her for sharing all of her hard work with me.

We just wanted to thank everyone for being so great. The Library is quite a treasure and I am very happy that I joined. A big thank you to Joy for starting it all...WOW! Also, to Betty Ann for her help in getting me in touch with Maurice and Bertha. And to Jill for showing us around and staying late so that we could get a start!

I also owe a huge thank you to Maurice and Bertha. What special people they are. I can not thank them enough! We would have been lost without them!

Can't wait to come back!

Thank You So Much.

Kim **MORENO**

Hebron, Maryland

QUERIES & STORIES NEEDED

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Save Space by Converting Precious Memories into Digital Format

Family photographs are great to have around, unless, of course, they're taking over your home. As one of the biggest culprits of home clutter (videotapes run a close second), photographs, including pesky negatives, are bulky to store and difficult to organize and maintain.

The solution? Convert photos and videotapes into digital formats that are easier to store, safer for your precious images and much easier to live with, according to the experts at The Art Institutes.

"Converting old visual formats into updated technology is simple and relatively inexpensive to do," maintains Jeremy **JACKSON**, an instructor in animation, Web design and digital arts for the Bradley Academy for Visual Arts. "Most consumer-grade flatbed scanners come with good software that will help you to scan your photos and preserve them in a digital format," he says. The same thing applies to those "dinosaurs" of visual formats - slides. Jackson notes that some scanners come with accessories designed specifically for scanning slides.

"If not," he advises, "you may need to purchase a slide scanner in order to achieve the high resolution for which slides are known." It's a worthy investment, he points out, especially for slides that are unique visual records.

Updating formats when it comes to VHS tapes can be more complicated, but still perfectly doable, says Tim **KELLY**, Visual Effects and Motion Graphics instructor in The Art Institute of Las Vegas. "Some older computers may not be up to this task, and if that's the case, check your local yellow pages for services that can convert VHS tapes into digital formats," he says. Ask about prices for the service. If you have a lot of videotapes, you may be able to negotiate a discount.

Before you begin to update your old visual formats, it's a good idea to think about purging some of what you have. Jeffrey **SPRAGUE**, visual resource manager for The Art Institute of Portland, says, "While it's tempting to keep every picture you take, it's a good idea to go ahead and delete those pictures that didn't turn out right or aren't of good quality.

"Those pictures of your thumb or shoe, unless you took them on purpose for art's sake, are going to quickly add up to a bunch of clutter," Sprague advises. "The same goes for 50

shots of the same group or the same statue." Sprague's advice: "Learn that it's okay to delete!"

Once you've purged and reformatted onto CDs, DVDs or other digital formats, begin to label and organize. This will save you hours of time searching for that image you know you have somewhere, but can't quite get your hands on.

Kelly believes that sticky labels and label software do the job best. For storing CDs and DVDs, Kelly likes a binder system. "This gets rid of the bulk and it's possible to store 300-plus CDs or DVDs in the space of 20 normal packages," he points out.

More tips from the experts at The Art Institutes include: Label images right away. It's less likely that you'll do so later, and it makes storage and finding images for the future a snap. Also, keep related images together, such as graduations, weddings, sports events, etc. Digital images saved on optical media (CDs, DVDs) should be kept in a cool, dark and dry place. It's always a good idea to make multiple copies and occasionally go back and check your media to make sure everything is still intact.

Set up a file structure on your computer that you understand. Regardless of any software program you use to organize your photos, movies, etc., start with a file structure that makes sense to you. One basic structure that works well is to create folders by type (movies, photos, music) and then by year, and then by month.

Remember to back up your files since you don't have a negative from which to make prints. Back-ups are also important since you are storing these files on an electronic device; these sometimes have been known to break for unexplained reasons. A good way to back up large numbers of files digitally is with an external hard drive, either USB 2.0 or Firewire. Hard copy back-ups are useful, too, as they are less susceptible to electrical surges or coffee spills. DVD-Rs hold a large amount of information - up to 4 GB (the storage size of an iPod Mini). You'll need a DVD burner and a reader that can handle the DVD-R format. For your most important files, consider off-site storage on the Web through free programs like www.shutterfly.com or www.kodakgallery.com. Share your photos. That's half the fun of having them. In addition to sites listed above, there are many other online avenues for sharing photos and keeping track of them as well. A free service that offers a premium upgrade for power users is Flickr (www.flickr.com). Courtesy of ARA Content and The Lion Magazine, February 2006

James Romine
of Harrison County, West Virginia
by Linda B. MEYERS

**DEED REVEALS JAMES ROMINE'S
DESCENDANTS**

Harrison County, WV Deed Bk:41:116/117 – 13 September 1851

James **ROMINE'S** Heirs
to Deed 80 acres Sugar Camp
Clement N. **ROMINE** & James **ROMINE**

This indenture made this 13th day of September in the year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty one between the Heirs of James **ROMINE** dec'd to wit: Robert F. **ROMINE**, John W. **ROMINE**, Benjamin **ROMINE**, Elizabeth **ALLEN** late Elizabeth **ROMINE**, Lewis **CURL**, son of Cynthia **CURL**, late Cynthia **ROMINE** dec'd, agent in fact for all his brothers and sisters, and John N. **CONLEY** son of Asenath **CONLEY**, late Asenath **ROMINE** dec'd agent in fact for Benjamin **CONLEY**, Jeremiah **CONLEY**, Elizabeth **DEARMAN**, late Elizabeth **CONLEY**, Mattilda **FLAHERTY**, late Matilda **CONLEY** of the County of Harrison and State of Virginia of the one part and James **ROMINE** & Clement N. **ROMINE** of the County and State fore said of the other part Witnesseth

That the said Robert, F. **ROMINE**, John W. **ROMINE**, Benjamin **ROMINE**, Elizabeth **ALLEN**, late Elizabeth **ROMINE**, Lewis **CURL**, son of Cynthia **CURL** dec'd late Cynthia **ROMINE** agent in fact for all his brothers and sisters, and John **CONLEY** son of Asenath **CONLEY** dec'd late Asenath **ROMINE** agent in fact for Benj **CONLEY**, Jeremiah **CONLEY**, Elizabeth **DEARMAN** late Elizabeth **CONLEY**, Mattilda **FLAHERTY**, late Matilda **CONLEY** for and in consideration of the sum of eight hundred Dollars lawful money of Virginia, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, granted, bargained, sold, aliened ----released and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain, sell, alien and release to the said James **ROMINE** and Clement N. **ROMINE** their heirs and assigned forever, a certain tract or parcel of Land, lying and being in the County of Harrison and

State of Virginia situate on the waters of Elk Creek, and bounded as followeth to wit:

Beginning at a Poplar near the Road, corner to Jacob **WOLF** and running thence S42 E130 poles to a white oak S47 W144 poles to a sugar tree, Abraham **BATTENS** corner S7 W104 poles to a sugar tree near William **BATTENS** Sugar Camp N14 E99 poles crossing the right hand fork of Hastenings (sic) Run to the place of beginning containing eighty acres.

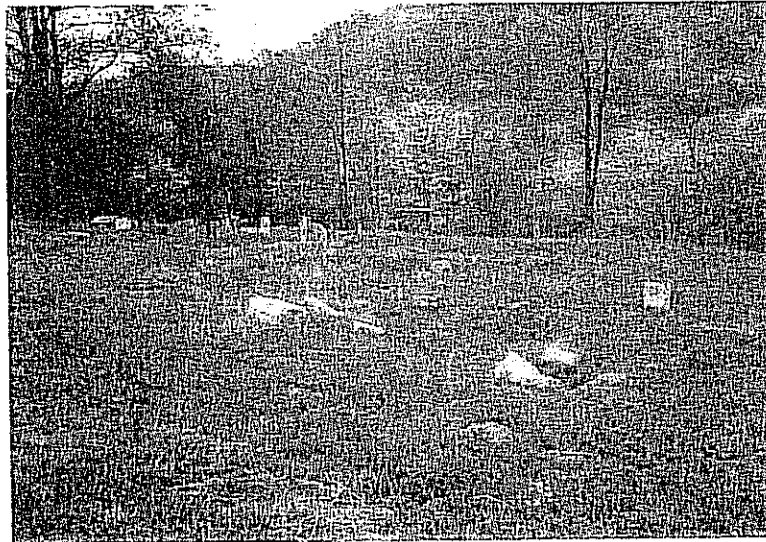
To Have and To Hold the aforesaid piece or parcel of Land with its appurtenances to the said James **ROMINE** and Clement N. **ROMINE** their heirs and assigns forever.

And the said Robert **ROMINE**, John W. **ROMINE**, Benjamin **ROMINE**, Elizabeth **ALLEN**, late Elizabeth **ROMINE**, Lewis **CURL**, son of Cynthia **CURL** dec'd late Cynthia **ROMINE**, agent in fact for his brothers and sisters. John **CONLEY**, son of Aseneth **CONLEY** dec'd, late Asenath **ROMINE**, agent in fact for Benjamin **CONLEY**, Jeremiah **CONLEY**. Elizabeth **DEARMAN**, late Elizabeth **CONLEY**. Mattilda **FLAHERTY** late Matilda **CONLEY** for themselves, their heirs and assignees doth hereby covenant to and with the said James **ROMINE** and Clement N. **ROMINE** their heirs and assignees that they the said Robert **ROMINE** John W. **ROMINE**, Benjamin **ROMINE**, Elizabeth **ALLEN**, late Elizabeth **ROMINE**, Lewis **CURL**, son of Cynthia **CURL** dec'd late Cynthia **ROMINE**, agent in fact, for all his brothers and sisters John N. **CONLEY** son of Asenath **CONLEY** dec'd late Asenath **ROMINE**, agent in fact for Benjamin **CONLEY**, Jeremiah **CONLEY**, Elizabeth **DEARMAN** late Elizabeth **CONLEY**, Mattilda **FLAHERTY**, late Mattilda **CONLEY** do forever warrant and defend the above described tract of parcel of Land with the appurtenances to the said James **ROMINE** and Clement N. **ROMINE** their heirs and assignees shall and will warrant and forever defend against all persons and claims whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof the aforesaid Robert F. **ROMINE**, John W. **ROMINE**, Benjamin **ROMINE**, Elizabeth **ALLEN** late Elizabeth **ROMINE**, Lewis **CURL** son of Cynthia **CURL** dec'd late Cynthia **ROMINE**, agent in fact for all his brothers and sisters John N **CONLEY**, son of Asenath **CONLEY** dec'd late Asenath **ROMINE** agent in fact for Benjamin **CONLEY**, Jeremiah **CONLEY**, Elizabeth **DEARMAN**, late Elizabeth **CONLEY**, Mattilda **FLAHERTY**, late Mattilda **CONLEY** has hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

Benjamin **ROMINE** - seal

John N. **CONLEY** seal
Benjamin **CONLEY** seal
by John N. **CONLEY** agent
Jeremiah **CONLEY**
by John N. **CONLEY** agent seal
Elizabeth **DEARMAN**
by John N. **CONLEY** agent seal



Batten Cemetery
Hastings Run, Harrison County, West Virginia
1994 - no Romine stones located

My great grandparents were Jacob Lorenzo Dow **BRAKE** and Asenath **ROMINE**. Asenath's parents were Robert F. (son of James) and Sarah (**MCPHERSON**) **ROMINE**. Robert was born in Frederick or Loudoun Virginia about 1796. Robert died 1 May 1874 in Harrison County, West Virginia, at 77 years of age according to the death record.^{1, 2} His body was interred after 01 May 1874 in Harrison County, West Virginia but his burial place is unknown. He may be buried in the Batten Cemetery or Old Romine Cemetery in Harrison County, located approximately halfway on the Lost Creek-Romine's Mill Road on the old James

¹ *Harrison County Will Bk6:65* and release docket Bk:7:304.

² Bk:1p:77; and *Harrison County Death Records*, Grant Dist., dibility (sic), ag e77 born Virginia. clerk: James H. Taylor.

ROMINE property.³

He married Sarah **MCPHERSON** in Harrison County, West Virginia, in 1819.⁴ Sarah was born in Loudoun County, Virginia about 1800. Sarah was the daughter of James **MCPHERSON** and Elizabeth **DAVIS**. Sarah's death date is unknown but was after 1880 probably in Lewis County, West Virginia where she was listed as a resident in the 1880 census report. She was a widow age 80, living same property separate household from her son, James.

In 1840 Harrison County, (West) Virginia, Robert **ROMINE** household males: 1 age 40-50, 2 age 15-20, 1 age 10-15; females: 1 age 40-50, 1 age 15-20, 2 age 5-10, 1 under 10.

In 1850 Robert **ROMINE**, age 54 was living in Harrison County, (West) Virginia, District 22. He was a farmer, born in Virginia, Sarah was age 50, Elizabeth, age 29, James, age 29, Daniel, age 26, Israel age 21, Cena, age 18, Mary Ann, age 16, Sarah, age 12, Matilda, age 9 and Martin V., age 8, all born in Virginia. He was living next door to Martin **HALL** (father of Oscar) and James **YOUNG**.

In 1860 Robert F. **ROMINE** was age 65, a farmer, born in Virginia, living in Harrison County, (West) Virginia. He had real estate valued at \$1500 and personal property valued at \$655. His wife, Sarah was age 61. Children: Betsy age 39, Israel age 30, farm laborer, Zenith age 29, Mary A., age 26, Sarah J., age 21, Matilda age 19, Van B. age 18 and Sarah A., age 14, all born in Virginia.

In 1870 Robert F. **ROMINE** was living in Elk Township, Harrison County, West Virginia. He was age 74, Sarah, age 70, Sarah J., age 32, Matilda, age 28, Martin V., age 26 and Susannah (Martin's wife) age 27, all born in Virginia. He was living next door to his son Daniel and Oscar F. **HALL**. His real estate was valued at \$2700 and his personal property at \$546.

Robert's will was probated in Harrison County, West Virginia, after 02 May 1874.⁵ On 1 July 1874, Jacob L. D. **BRAKE** and al sold land to Daniel **ROMINE**.⁶

³ There are approximately 12 unmarked graves in this cemetery, which is in poor condition. The family of Benjamin, son of James and Elizabeth are know to be buried there.

⁴ *Harrison County Marriage Bond Book* 2:80.

⁵ *Harrison County Will Bk* 6:65 and release docket Bk:7:304.

⁶ *Harrison County Bk* 58:78 & 59:223.

Sale of Robert F. ROMINE property

Deed: *Harrison County Book 59:223*; 7 August 1876

Sarah ROMINE and Others to Oscar F. HALL 92 3/4 acres & 35 poles

This deed made this 7th day of August 1876 between Sarah **ROMINE** widow of Robert F. **ROMINE** dec'd, James M. **ROMINE** and Jane his wife, Elizabeth **ROMINE**, Sarah J. **ROMINE**, Matilda **ROMINE**, Daniel **ROMINE** and Elizabeth his wife, J. L. D. **BRAKE** and Assenah his wife (the last named of Upshur County W Va) of the first part and Oscar F. **HALL** of the county of Harrison and State aforesaid of the 2nd part. Witnesseth that the parties of the first part in consideration of the premises and \$2800.30 to be paid as follows to wit: Five hundred dollars on the first day of August 1876, five hundred dollars on or before the 25th day of December 1876, and the residue \$1489.16 the amount after reducing (?) \$311.14ct which last named amount is the undivided sixth interest of the minor after reducuting(?) Widow dower on or before the 25th day of December 1877, which is last installment except the miners interest with 6 per cent interest from first day of Aug 1876 do grant, bargain sell and convey unto the party of the second part by deed of general warrantee all of each of their undivided interest in and to ascertain piece of land which the said Robert F. **ROMINE** died seized said land situated on waters of Rooting Creek and adjoining of lands of the said O. F. **HALL**, Joseph **WHITE** and others in Harrison County W. VA and bounded as follows. Beginning at a Whiteoak corner of the said O. F. **HALLS** and running thence S.82 W 32 Pts a stake thence S.38 W31 poles to a stake S 65 W34 P to a stake thence S45 W 59 Poles to a Dogwood N 74 3/4 W 60 Poles to a stone N20 E 137 P to a stone in place of B. Oak S 80 E 141 Poles to a White Oak S 8 1/2 W 35 poles to the Beginning containing 92 acres 3 Rods and 35 Poles the parties of the first part hereby retain a leise upon the property hereby conveyed to secure the defered payments Witness the following signatures and seals the day and year first above written.

Matilda **ROMINE** (seal)
(seal)

Sarah (her mark) **ROMINE**

Daniel (his mark) **ROMINE** (seal)

James M. **ROMINE** (seal)

Elizabeth (her mark) **ROMINE** (seal)

James **ROMINE** (seal)

J. L. D. **BRAKE** (seal)

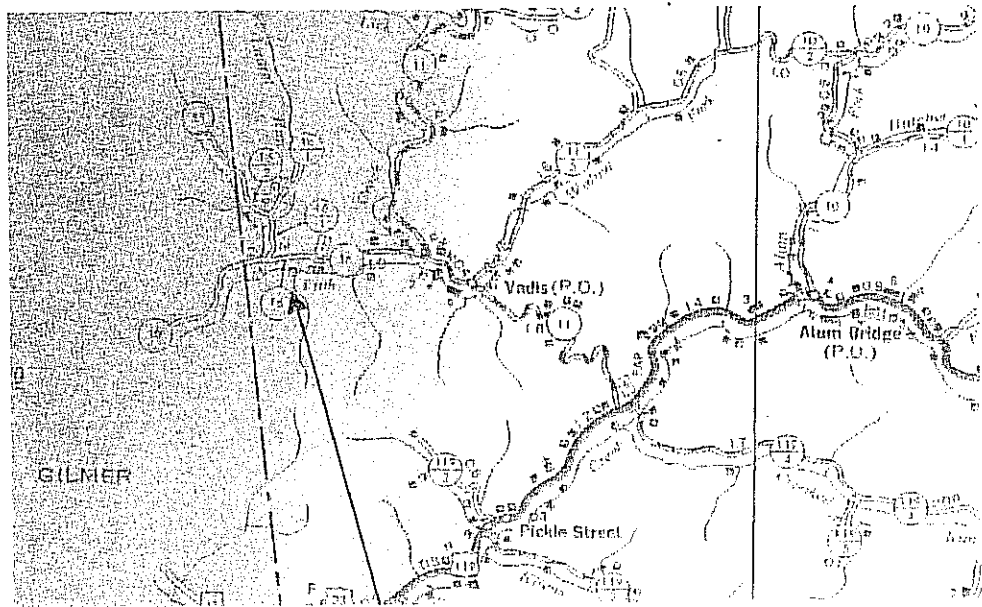
Elizabeth (her mark)

ROMINE (seal)

Assenah (her mark) **BRAKE** (seal)

Sarah J. **ROMINE** (seal)

Sarah **MCPHERSON ROMINE** moved to Lewis County, West Virginia after the sale of this property and on 23 January 1877 she and daughter Elizabeth **ROMINE** purchased property from her son, James McPherson **ROMINE**. In the 9 June 1880 census report she was living in Freeman's Creek, Western Subdivision, Lewis County next door to son, James. She was head of the household, a widow, age 8, born in Virginia, as were her parents. Living with her were her daughters, Elizabeth, age 59, listed as a widow, Sarah J., age 40, Matilda, age 38 and granddaughter, Laura J., age 9, all born in Virginia. In July 1880, she and Elizabeth sold the same property to her younger daughters. It is assumed that she continued to live with the daughters until her death, but that date is unknown as well as her burial place.



Sarah (McPherson) Romine Property
Finks Creek at the mouth of Laurel Run

Deeds:

John M. **ROMINE**

to

Sarah & Elizabeth **ROMINE**

This deed made this 23 day of January 1877 between John M. **ROMINE** and Jane **ROMINE** his wife of the first part and Sarah **ROMINE** and Elizabeth **ROMINE** of the second part, all of Lewis County and State of W. Va. witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part do grant with general warranty unto Sarah **ROMINE** and Elizabeth **ROMINE** the following described tract or parcel of land lying on Finks Creek at the mouth of Laurel Run and bounded as follows viz.: Beginning at w.o. on the bank of the right hand fork of Laurel Run, thence S57 W56 poles, to stake and pointers, thence S9 E100 poles crossing said creek to beech on bank thence up said Creek N62 ½ E51 poles to beech, thence N9 W114 poles to the beginning containing thirty seven acres more or less and the parties of the first part do hereby covenant to and with the said Sarah **ROMINE** & Elizabeth **ROMINE** that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals

James M. **ROMINE** seal

Jane **ROMINE** -- seal

State of West VA Lewis County to wit:

Delivered Feb. 22, 1877

James also sold land to his sisters on the same date.

James M. **ROMINE**

to

Sarah J. And Matilda **ROMINE**

This deed made this 23 day of January 1877 between James M. **ROMINE** and Jane **ROMINE** his wife, of the first part and Sarah J. **ROMINE** and Matilda **ROMINE** of the second part all of Lewis county and State of W. Va. witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the parties of the first part do grant unto the said Sarah J. **ROMINE** and Matilda **ROMINE**, with general warranty the following described tract or parcel of land lying on Finks Creek and bounded as follows viz: Beginning at a beech on the bank of said creek and running S9 E100 poles to stake and pointers thence W57 E56 poles to 2

hickories, thence N9 W86 poles to beech on bank of Creek, thence S62 ½ W51 to the beginning containing thirty three acres more or less and the parties of the first part do hereby covenant to and with the said Sarah J. **ROMINE** and Matilda **ROMINE** that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed Witness the following signatures and seals.

James M. **ROMINE** - seal

Jane **ROMINE** -- seal

Delivered to J. M. **ROMINE** Feb. 22, 1877

On July 2, 1880, Sarah McPherson **ROMINE** and her daughter Elizabeth **ROMINE** sold their land to Sarah and Matilda **ROMINE**. In 1880 she was living in Western Subdivision. She was head of the household, a widow, age 80, born in Virginia, as were her parents. Living with her were her daughters, Elizabeth, age 59, Sarah J., age 40, Matilda, age 38 and Laura J., granddaughter, age 9. Her son, James was living on the same property, different household. He was age 56, farmer, his wife, Jane, age 55. It is assumed that Sarah continued to live with her daughters until her death. Her death date and burial place are unknown.

Lewis County, WV

Sarah **ROMINE**

to

Sarah J. **ROMINE**

This deed made this 2 day of July 1880 between Sarah **ROMINE** and Elizabeth **ROMINE** of the first part and Sarah J. **ROMINE** and Matilda **ROMINE** of the second part all of the county of Lewis and State of West Virginia, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the parties of the first part, do grant with general warranty to the parties of the second part. The following described tract or parcel of land lying on Finks Creek at the mouth of Larel(Laurel ?) Run and bounded as follows: beginning at a White Oak on the bank of the right hand Fork of Laurel Run thence S57 W56 poles to a stake and pointers thence S9 E100 poles crossing said creek to Beech on bank thence up said creek N62 ½ E 51 poles to Beech thence N9 W114 poles to the beginning containing thirty seven acres more or less and the parties of the first part do hereby coverant

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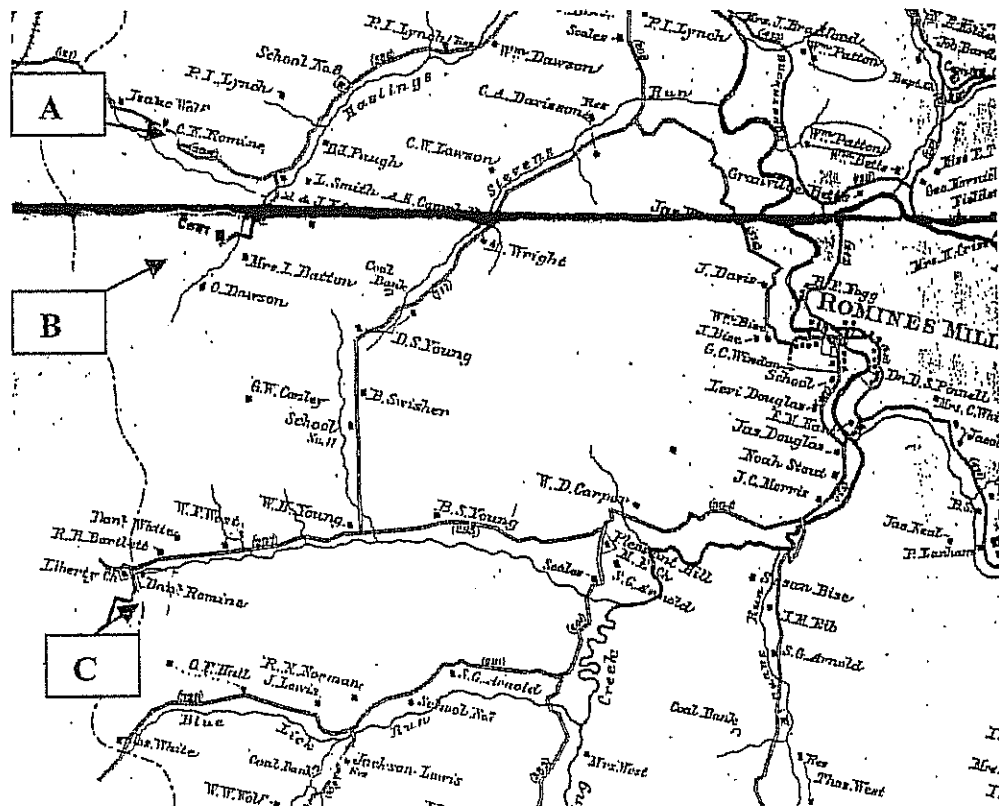
Sarah (her mark) **ROMINE** --seal

Elizabeth (her mark) **ROMINE** - seal

State of West Virginia

Lewis County

Delivered G.W. **DAVISSION** for S.J. **ROMINE** Dec. 7th 1880 (p. 171)



- A. James ROMINE Property on Hastings Run location of the Old ROMINE Cemetery
- B. BATTEN Cemetery Burial place of James and Elizabeth ROMINE
- C. Robert F. ROMINE property



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CS 30B2	Hardy Co 1850 Household Index	Dorothy SIPE
CS 31A2	Harrison Co 1850 Household Index	Dorothy SIPE
CR 95	Maryland Colonial Land & Court Records	Iris CUTRIGHT
CH 18A	Survey of American Church Records Vol I	Iris CUTRIGHT
CH 18B	Survey of American Church Records Vol II	Iris CUTRIGHT
FA932	Alleghany Co PA Genealogies	Iris CUTRIGHT
FA 26B	Bush Branches	Betty TOPP
FA933	Rensselaerswyck, Settlers of 1630-1658	Iris CUTRIGHT
FA934	Lancaster Co PA Biographical Record	Iris CUTRIGHT
FA935A	Maryland Heraldic Families Vol I	Iris CUTRIGHT
FA935B	Maryland Heraldic Families Vol II	Iris CUTRIGHT
FA936	Hottel, Descendants of John	Iris CUTRIGHT
FA937	Adams Papers Vol II	Iris CUTRIGHT
FA938	Maine Families 1790	Iris CUTRIGHT
FA939	Reger, Descendants of Saul Jr. & Sr.	Russell DAVID
FA940	Kerns - Rexroad	Carolyn HAMRIC
FA941	Stark - Gissy Union	Sharon G. STANARD
FA942	Halsteds, John Descendants 1790	Romayne HALSTED
FA943	Van De Mark Ancestry	Raymond WOLFE
FA944	Johannes Michael Bush Descendants	Alvin BUSH
FA945	My Loving Family	Jerry CAMPBELL
FA946	Leonadus Williams & Susan Crites	Bernard WEBB
FA947	White - Hayes Family	May WHITE
FA949	Crowl Family	Noodie RUNNER
CS 18E	Braxton Co 1830 Census	Wes COCHRAN
FA948	Boise Family Changed from FA205	
FA100	Changed to FA100A Gillet Family	
FA836	Changed to FA836A Benjamin Lightburn	
FA100B	Gillet Family	Raymond WOLFE
FA836B	Benjamin Lightburn Supplement	Robert LIGHTBURN
CS 18C	Changed to CS 18D Braxton Co 1920 Census	
ML323A	Maryland Record - Colonial - Rev- Church Records Vol I	Iris CUTRIGHT
ML323B	Same as above except being Vol II	Iris CUTRIGHT
ML325	Ohio Soldiers of the Rev Roster Vol III	Iris CUTRIGHT
ML326	519th Ordnance Co F	Mrs. Ancil CUTLIP
ML327	To The Front And Back	Miriam LOOKER
NC 56A	Pittsburgh Gazette Abstracts Vol 1	Bill & Joan PETERS
NC 56B	Pittsburgh Gazette Abstracts Vol 2	Bill & Joan PETERS
NC 56C	Pittsburgh Gazette Abstracts Vol 3	Bill & Joan PETERS
NC 56D	Pittsburgh Gazette Abstracts Vol 4	Bill & Joan PETERS
NC 56E	Pittsburgh Gazette Abstracts Vol 5	Bill & Joan PETERS
RB268	Methodist Protestant Church	Charles MUHLEMAN III

RB269	History of Lewis County	Charles MUHLEMAN III
RB270	Ludlow On The Kanawha	Reva BENNETT
RF250	Finding Your Roots	Iris CUTRIGHT
RF251	Genealogical Research Guide	Iris CUTRIGHT
RF252	Heredity Builds Our Lives	Iris CUTRIGHT
RF253	Genealogist Encyclopedia	Iris CUTRIGHT
SC 36	Barbour Co School Board Lists	Bill & Joan PETERS
MA126	Frederick Md Lutheran Marriages 1743-1811	Iris CUTRIGHT
MI139	History of Scotland	Iris CUTRIGHT
MI140	Medical And Other Essays	
ML322	Berks Co PA In The Rev War 1774-1783	Iris CUTRIGHT
ML328	Union & Confederate Soldiers & Sympathizers in Barbour County	Bill & Joan PETERS
VA151	German New River Settlement	Iris CUTRIGHT
VA152	German Element of the Shenendoah	Iris CUTRIGHT
VA153	Over The Mountain Men	Iris CUTRIGHT
US262	Berksiana 1776-1979	Iris CUTRIGHT
US263	Waters Of The State	Iris CUTRIGHT
US264	Colonial Maryland Naturalization	Iris CUTRIGHT
US265A	Frederick Co MD History Vol I	Iris CUTRIGHT
US265B	Frederick Co MD History Vol II	Iris CUTRIGHT
US267	Pennsylvania Germans In Maryland	Iris CUTRIGHT
US268	Brown's Misc Writings	Iris CUTRIGHT
US269	History of Cumberland Md	Iris CUTRIGHT
US270	Palentine Emigrants	Iris CUTRIGHT
US271	Early Settlers of Maryland	Iris CUTRIGHT
US272	Land Records of America	Iris CUTRIGHT
US273	Anne Arundel of Howard Co MD	Iris CUTRIGHT
US274	The American People	Iris CUTRIGHT
WI 57V	Virginia Wills 1632-1800	Iris CUTRIGHT
WV293	Growing Up In The Holler	Annabelle ROCK
WI 58	Berks Co PA Wills 1752-1850	Iris CUTRIGHT
WI 56	Lancaster Co PA Wills 1729-1850	Iris CUTRIGHT
VA154	Virginia Locater	
IN 32	American Indian Myths & Legends	Marty GARTON
IN 33	Arrowheads & Projectile Points	Marty GARTON
IN 34	Bows & Arrows of the Native Americans	Marty GARTON
IN 35	Encyclopedia of American Indian Wars	Marty GARTON
IN 36	Atlas of the North American Indian	Marty GARTON
IN 37	The Native Americans-An Illustrated History	Marty GARTON
IN 38	The North American Indians	Marty GARTON
IN 39	500 Nations	Marty GARTON
ML329	The Soldiers Guide	Marty GARTON
ML330	American Engineer Explosives in WWI	Marty GARTON
ML331	Manual For Engineer Troops	Marty GARTON
ML332	Military Shoulder Patches of the US Armed Forces	Marty GARTON
ML333	From Sarajevo to Potsdam	Marty GARTON
ML334	Sun Tzu - The Art of War	Marty GARTON
ML335	Medals, Military & Civilian of the US	Marty GARTON
ML336	Combat Training Manual	Marty GARTON
ML337	War Discovers Alaska	Marty GARTON
ML338	The National Guard Manual (Basic)	Marty GARTON
ML339	The National Guard	Marty GARTON

ML340A	History of 82nd Engineer Combat Battalion	Marty GARTON
ML340B	History of 1092D Engineer Combat Battalion	Marty GARTON
ML340C	History of 1092D Engineer Combat Battalion	Marty GARTON
ML341	The Rockets Red Glare	Marty GARTON
ML342	On War	Marty GARTON
ML343	The Wars of America	Marty GARTON
ML344	Warriors Words	Marty GARTON
ML345	America's Small Wars	Marty GARTON
ML346	Out-Post	Marty GARTON
ML347A	War of the Revolution Vol I	Marty GARTON
ML347B	War of the Revolution Vol II	Marty GARTON
ML349	The War of 1812	Marty GARTON
ML350	Story of the Mexican War	Marty GARTON
ML351	Civil War In Greenbrier Co WV	Marty GARTON
ML352	Civil War Handbook	Marty GARTON
ML353	Jenkins of Greenbottom A Civil War Sage	Marty GARTON
ML354	Memoirs of U. S. Grant	Marty GARTON
ML355	101 Civil War Battles (Folder)	Marty GARTON
ML356	Civil War Trivia & Fact Book	Marty GARTON
ML357	Generals of the Civil War	Marty GARTON
ML358	Witness to Appomattox	Marty GARTON
ML359	Civil War Trivia Quiz Book	Marty GARTON
ML360	Decisive Battles of the Civil War	Marty GARTON
ML361	John Ransoms Andersonville Diary	Marty GARTON
ML362	Civil War Battlefield Guide	Marty GARTON
ML363	1862 Manual For Army Cooking	Marty GARTON
ML364	Civil War Engagement at Cool Springs	Marty GARTON
ML365	From Winchester to Cedar Creek	Marty GARTON
ML366	Lexington & Rockbridge Co. VA In the Civil War	Marty GARTON
ML367	Young Napoleon - George B McClellan	Marty GARTON
ML368	Last Sleep - Battle of Droop Mountain	Marty GARTON
ML369	Landscapes of the Civil War	Marty GARTON
ML370B	Arms and Equipment of the Union	Marty GARTON
ML370A	Illustrated Atlas of the Civil War	Marty GARTON
ML371	Civil War - Picture of History	Marty GARTON
ML372A	Civil War Collector's Encyclopedia	Marty GARTON
ML372B	Civil War Collector's Encyclopedia	Marty GARTON
ML373	A Ship To Remember	Marty GARTON
ML374	World War In Photograph	Marty GARTON
ML375	World War I In Photograph	Marty GARTON
ML376	First World War	Marty GARTON
ML377	Illustrated Story of World War II	Marty GARTON
ML378	Battle for Korea	Marty GARTON
ML379A	Setting The Stage - Vietnam Experience	Marty GARTON
ML379B	Raising The Stakes - Vietnam Experience	Marty GARTON
ML379C	Nineteen Sixty Eight - Vietnam Experience	Marty GARTON
ML380	Gulf War History	Marty GARTON
ML370C	Arms & Equipment of the Confederacy	Marty GARTON
MI141	Scotland of Old	Marty GARTON
MI142	Scottish Surnames & Families	Marty GARTON
MI143	Strategic Atlas	Marty GARTON
OS 76	Pictorial History of the Civil War	Marty GARTON
OS 77	The Civil War 1861-1865	Marty GARTON

OS 10B	Rebels & Yankees Battlefields of the Civil War	Marty GARTON
OS 10C	Rebels & Yankees Fighting Men of the Civil War	Marty GARTON
Added an A to #10 Commanders of the Civil War now OS10 A		
OS 75	Atlas For The American Civil War	Marty GARTON
RF254	Concise Encyclopedia of Heraldry	Marty GARTON
RF255	Feudal Coat of Arms	Marty GARTON
RF256	Complete Guide to Heraldry	Marty GARTON
US275	Economic Transformation of America	Marty GARTON

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REYNOLDS/ROHR REUNION

The annual Reynolds/Rohr reunion will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2006 at Jacksons Mill in Lewis County. For more information, please contact sueneff@comcast.net.
Phone 810-229-5991

ANNUAL SLEETH REUNION

The Sleeth Family reunion will be held the last Sunday in July 2006 at Weston City Park, Pavillion 3. Everyone is welcome- especially descendants of Hackers and Sleeths.

Dinner is covered dish- we will eat at noon, but you are more than welcome to come before that. If you wish to participate in our Chinese gift exchange, please bring a wrapped item with a value of around \$5. If you have a musical instrument you can bring, please do so- Sleeths are great singers!

BOTT-HINZMAN REUNION

The annual reunion of the descendants of Jacob & Jerushia Bott Hinzman will be held Sept. 3, 2006, at the Newberne United Methodist Church in Gilmer County, WV. A covered dish dinner will be held at 1 PM. Newberne is located south of Rt. 47, on Tanner Creek Rd. We would like to extend an invitation to the descendants of the siblings of Jacob which would include Webster & Amy Curtis Hinzman, Philoma & Albert REEDER, Minerva & Alfred SIMS, and Rhuama & Asbury ALKIRE. All Hinzmans are welcome!

LEWIS COUNTY CONNECTIONS

And a World War II love story

By Diane Hill ZIMMERMAN

My uncle, Harold **ARBOGAST**, was like a second father to me and my younger sister, Janet. He was born in Lewis County on May 9, 1911, to Andrew Jackson **ARBOGAST** and Dora Alice **BOND ARBOGAST**, the youngest of ten children. His family was proud of their few drops of American Indian blood and were avid outdoorsmen. Harold learned to handle a gun and a fishing rod while very young. He didn't have much formal education because there wasn't much to be had and he went to work while still a youth. He labored at various occupations but, with the advent of the Great Depression, mostly in the coalmines of Harrison County. There was little else available. The family eventually settled in the Brown area until the end of WW II.

Here he met his future wife and my aunt, Lois Eleanor **SMITH**, called Babe by her family, at a box social. Her box lunch had been purchased by an older man who was pressing his unwanted attentions on her. Harold was sitting behind them with a girl named Ethel **CUNNINGHAM**. He noticed the pretty young miss in front of him was getting increasingly upset and pleading to go home. He put his hand on the man's shoulder and said, "Let her go home if that's what she wants to do." People paid attention to him because he was a strong, well built man.

Harold and Lois began dating but weren't allowed to be alone together. Lois' younger sister and my mother, Louise, went with them to the 'show' and everywhere else.

Harold literally saved Lois' life on another occasion when he went with her family to Grafton Dam to swim and have a picnic. It had rained a lot and the water was high. They were both strong swimmers so they decided to swim out to the float, but Lois ran out of steam before they got there. Harold told her to stiffen herself and pushed her to the float like a towboat pushing a barge. They were both exhausted by the time they got there but they lived to tell the tale.

Lois' parents, Charley Parker **SMITH** and Mary Alice **HARBERT SMITH**, almost lost two children that day. The oldest brother, Harley, was swimming some distance away from them, got caught in an undertow, and nearly didn't make it to shore. They never told their parents because they didn't want to worry them.

Aunt Lois said they got married because they were never allowed to be alone and get to know one another. They eloped on August 10, 1935. She was sixteen years old. They spent their wedding night at Harold's mothers. She had become a widow in 1932 and now lived in the big white house at the foot of the hill in Brown, across from Smith's Store.

The newlyweds were 'serenaded' on their wedding night. Their marriage must not have been much of a secret because most everyone in town came. They made as much noise as possible until the newlyweds came out and gave them a treat. Harold had bought some candy and cigars so they eventually left but someone left behind a sheep bell that they kept on display for the rest of their married life. Harold's mother was worried because she was afraid they'd tramp down her flowers. This is also called a 'shiveree' or belling. Sometimes they'd put the newlyweds in the back of a wagon or truck and drive them around. It wasn't much fun for the couple but only those well liked were 'honored' this way.

In October they bought Cecil **CUNNINGHAM'S** little house on the hill near the school in Brown. Her first purchase as a married woman was a little Bible from Murphy's Five and Dime for 29 cents. She read from it every chance she had, especially when she couldn't sleep, usually from Numbers.

She also read it between customers when she tended the store they eventually owned. Once a customer came in and when she looked up she said, "May I help thee?" I tore one of the pages when my mom and I were visiting. Later on, she bought a bigger Bible 'for good' but the little Bible remained her favorite. I inherited both the sheep bell and the little Bible and they are among my most prized possessions.

Lois' grandmother, Harriet 'Annie' **THOMPSON HARBERT**, was well known for her ability to stop bleeding by reading a certain verse in the Bible over the afflicted person. This was a gift to be shared with one other person, a member of the opposite sex. She liked Harold and so shared the secret with him. Harold shared it with Lois who shared it with my husband, Ray **ZIMMERMAN**. So if you ever have a bleeding problem, you know whom to call on. (It is also supposed to work if you read it over the telephone).

Aunt Lois's parents were naturally upset that she married so young, but it didn't take long for Harold to win the family over and become like another son. He'd share anything he had or do anything for them. Lois' father, her older brothers,

Harley and Lowell, and Harold all worked together in the coalmines. Lois' uncles, her dad's younger brothers, Claude and Golden, were also coal miners. Claude was instrumental in teaching Harold the ropes, so to speak. This was a dangerous job and it was normal for an experienced miner to take responsibility for a newcomer - to work with him and watch out for him. It was the height of the Depression and they were lucky to get one or two days work a week. They survived because they helped one other and managed to live until better times arrived.

Lois and Louise **SMITH** were very close sisters. My mom sang alto to Aunt Lois's soprano as they cleaned up the kitchen. They were happiest when in each other's company. Mom told her big sister the first weekend I became a definite possibility. Aunt Lois was so excited she made a baby blanket and started ten nightgowns after going to church Sunday evening. Uncle Harold was working midnights at the coal mine so she worked late into the night after having borrowed some outing flannel from her mother-in-law, who always had goods on hand.

The blanket was a double layer of flannel with a baby elephant appliquéd on it and was used until it fell apart some years later. The nightgowns were too big so I wore them until I was about four at which time my sister took them over. I'm not sure they ever wore out, certainly a better situation than today's clothing with its built in obsolescence. The Ladies Aid kicked in with lots of homemade diapers.

I was named after my Aunt Lois and a character named Diane, played by Janet **GAINER**, in a movie called *Seventh Heaven*. It won an Oscar and was about a French couple in WW I. I have always liked the Diane part but only recently came to grips with Lois, which is actually a beautiful Biblical name. (2 Timothy 1:5) It's my first name but I was always called Diane, which has caused no end of problems. When I worked, my official signature was L. Diane **ZIMMERMAN** but I now prefer Diane Hill **ZIMMERMAN**. So far I've been unable to make the transition. It's also a pain to fill in the forms that always ask for first name and middle initial. If I comply, I am called Lois and forget to answer. If I don't I can't fit my name to the form and I'm not a non-conformist.

***Editor's Note:** Diane's story of her Lewis County Connections will continue in the next issue.*

History Hero



Mary **SLEETH CREAMER**, a member of Hackers Creek since 1999 and current president, has written a comprehensive **SLEETH** family history, compiled and edited several publications published by HCPD, and developed a computerized system for recording and updating cemetery records. She is reading cemeteries in Monongalia County which have not been read since the WPA, as well as completing a 3-volume set of McWhorter Family group sheets. As vice president of HCPD for five years, Mary was responsible for the Annual Gathering. She has taught classes on genealogy research, and represented HCPD at several genealogy fairs. She is an active participant in all activities sponsored by HCPD.

Mary was ill and unable to attend the annual History Day celebration in Charleston on February 16. She received her award during the March HCPD Board meeting from Joy **STALNAKER** (left in photo).

SIMS REUNION

The Alonzo V. **SIMS** and Gertrude **CHITTUM** Family Reunion will be held Sunday, August 6, at the Central WV Genealogy and History Library, aka Hacker's Creek Library, at 45 Abbotts Run Road, Horner, WV. All descendants and cousins through allied families are welcome. Bring a covered dish and join the family. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. While the meal will be served indoors, there is a big yard and play equipment for children. A group photo will be taken. Come join us! Questions? Call Joy at 304-452-8495!

133rd Regiment, Virginia Militia

by Joy Gilchrist-STALNAKER

According to Edward C. **SMITH's** History of Lewis County, the first militia organization was formed specifically for Lewis County shortly after the county was formed in 1816.

James M. **CAMP** was the elected colonel of this regiment, the 133rd Virginia. He was a prominent citizen of Weston and had numerous occupations – tavern keeper, jailer, etc. **SMITH** says he was a very hospitable and kind, a man of good breeding with a large vision in business matters, yet careless of detail. The large tracts of land which he at one time owned slipped from his grasp because he failed to have his deeds recorded.

Every able-bodied man of military age was required to serve for a period in the militia. Muster rolls of these men have not been found, but mention of some members, particularly those who were candidates for officers of the regiment, is occasionally found in the extant county court minutes at the Lewis County Court house as well as in the clerk's loose papers.⁷

With only one newspaper, the *Weston Sentinel*, operating for a few months in the early 1820s, "musters" of the county militia were occasions for the citizens "to get together and pass around the gossip of the neighborhood, for candidates to make themselves known to their prospective constituents, and for the discussion of political, moral, economic, social and religious questions of the day. The militiamen had not guns and were not drilled in the manual of arms. As a military organization, they were of no value."⁸

It appears that there were several companies in the regiment, including one known as Stone Coal Creek and Skin Creek Company.

⁷ Clerk's loose papers are the documents submitted to the clerk of courts and/or the circuit clerk of courts for action by the county court system. Loose papers can include licenses, bills, petitions, request for surveys, etc. The clerk's paper for Lewis County are stored in two known repositories – the court house and the West Virginia and Regional History Collection at WVU. In the 19th century, every paper filed in court ultimately was recorded in the county court minutes.

⁸ Smith, Edward c. A History of Lewis County, West Virginia, 1920, p. 213

Tradition, as passed on to this writer by Daril W. **STALNAKER**, says that this company drilled (mustered) in the bottom along Little Skin Creek at Georgetown. This area is now covered by the water of Stonewall Jackson Lake.

This writer recently discovered two bits of information about the company in the microfilmed loose papers stored in the West Virginia and Regional History Collection. From them, we discover that the men of the company, just like in society today, did not always agree about choices made by a majority.

Both documents are undated but are on a roll of film with documents from 1818.

Document 1:

We the subscribed do hereby certify that We Superintended an Election of Officers for the Militia Company know & designated by the Stone Coal & Skin Creek Company. The Company met agreeable to notice on the 16th day of January ____ and the votes were as follows

Israel **McDONALD**⁹ for capt.----- 27 votes
William B. **PETERSON** D^o ----- 9 D^o

for Lieutenant

Philip M. **LINGER** ---- -- 20 votes
William B. **PETERSON** 12 D^o
John J. P. **ARMSTRONG** 1 D^o

Ensign, Jacob **BUTTS**, who had a carge majority
Certgified by viz---

Document 2:

To the Court of Lewis County greeting who have granted us and election for our officers in the new company on the ____ Skin Creek and Stone Cole of the 133 regiment. we the under subscribers are very much dissatisfied with the appointment of Philip **LINGER** Lieutentant as we could not conveniently attend the election we desire to have a vote. We vote for William B.

⁹ May be **McDANIELS**

PETERSON as we think he is the best calculated to fill the office of Lieutenant.

Jacob **WHEELER**

Jonathan **HALL**

James M. **WEST**

Daniel **BOTT**_____

James **MAY**

A few years later, in 1835 or '36, William B. **PETERSON** was elected captain of the company according to information reported by his son, William H. **PETERSON** in a History of Vandalia Lewis County, WV, which he, together with Sam W. **HARDMAN**, wrote and published in local newspapers at a unknown date. W.B. **PETERSON** replaced **McDONALD/McDANIELS** who had moved to Iowa Territory. He held the office for three or four years before resigning. He was replaced by Jacob **HUDSON** who held the office for a short time before resigning. Washington **SUMMERS** replaced him but soon thereafter removed from the district and Abram R. **HALL** replaced him.

Shortly after **HALL**'s election to the post, the district was divided so that Little Skin Creek and upper Stone Coal were in one company district and Big Skin Creek in the other.

Captain **HALL**, a resident of Big Skin Creek, retained his office in that company, and Hanson M. **PETERSON** was elected captain of the other company which was generally known as the Georgetown Company.

Continuing from the Vandalia History, "Not long after this, the Legislature of the state of Virginia amended the militia law by dispensing with all company and regimental muster, and also the general training of commissioned officers. The amendment, however, provided that the county assessor should list everyone of military age in the company district in which he resided. For a number of years after this change was made, the law continued in effect, but near the close of the term of Gov. Henry A. **WISE**, and at his insistence, the state legislature in 1858-59 passed an act restoring company and regimental musters and training of officers, and providing for the general reorganization to carry the law into effect. Of course by reason of death, removal, and other causes there were many vacancies to fill.

"John W. **RAMSEY** being elected to succeed Captain **HALL** in the Big Skin Creek company, and William H.

PETERSON elected to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of its captain to the colonelcy of the 125th Regiment of Militia, these last named parties were in office at the beginning of the Civil War, and like most of the officers in the country, both civil and military, permitted their terms of office to lapse."¹⁰

DODDRIDGE COUNTY, WV HISTORY AVAILABLE

In 1979 the Doddridge County Historical Society put together a limited printing of a great reference book composed of info contributed by current and former residents of the county. The volume has now been made available in Adobe PDF format on CD. The info I found in the local newspaper says you can view a full page or enlarge for easier reading; it is said to be indexed and pages or portions of pages can be printed. It is available by priority mail for \$20.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling or can be picked up at J & J Flowers in West Union for \$20.00. For further info, call Bill **CALHOUN** at (304) 873-3050.

RAMSEY REUNION

All descendants of Anderson **RAMSEY** are invited to attend the annual **RAMSEY/OATES** reunion on 10 Sept 2006 at Mountwood Park in Wood Co. WV. The park is located 17 miles east of Parkersburg & about 65 miles west of Clarksburg on U.S. Rt. 50. A covered dish dinner begins at 12:30 PM. Drinks & tableware are furnished. There is a live band, White Elephant Sale/Auction, games for kids & adults, so bring items for the Auction & a covered dish & come join us. Although most of these **RAMSEYs** lived in Harrison, Doddridge, and Ritchie Counties, all **RAMSEYS** are welcome.

¹⁰ Although no census of the men from the 125th who enlisted on either side in the War Between the States has been compiled, it is known that a goodly number did enlist for the Confederacy.

Charity **COON HINZMAN**

by Mo **BRAUM** and Joy **STALNAKER** with considerable input from other **COON-HINZMAN** researchers.

Editor's Note: *Over the years I have gathered material for most of the early families on Hacker's Creek; and, from time to time, I have pulled from that material for articles for the Journal. Among the information I have collected was an article written several decades ago by Preston **LINGER** (1883-1957) of Horner. Although I have looked at this information many times, it wasn't until I married into the extended **HINZMAN** family that I took a personal interest in the story. My husband, Daril W. **STALNAKER** is the great-grandson of Marietta (**HINZMAN**) **SIMS** and the g.g.g.g. grandson of Henry and Charity (**COON**) **HINZMAN**.*

The last time I looked over the information, I decided to post some questions to our HCPD listserve. Two or three persons responded to my inquiries. It is from their responses and some personal research that I compiled this story.

Preston **LINGER** compiled information on the **LINGER** family and incorporated **HINZMAN** family information because his grandfather, Joseph **LINGER**, was married to Mercy **HINZMAN**, daughter of Henry and Charity (**COON**) **HINZMAN**. Of Charity he said,

"Charity **COON HINZMAN** was born on the Isle of Jersey in the English Channel. According to family accounts, after the Revolutionary War, Indians still lurked in the Hackers Creek area of Lewis County. One day when Henry **HINZMAN** was away, Indians were seen near the family cabin. Charity hid her children under the floor of the cabin. When the Indians entered the cabin, they seized the mother and took part of her scalp. After being treated by an herb doctor, she always wore a dust cap to cover the injured area of her scalp. . . (she) died in Roane County at the age of 112 years and was buried on Pocatalico Creek. She received a Revolutionary War pension."

Mo **BRAUM** says that most researchers agree that Charity's mother was Mary **COZAD**. However, the identity of her father is somewhat in dispute. Some say he was John **COON** from New Jersey and some say Phillip **COON** from Pennsylvania.

The information that Phillip **COON** was her father seems to come from the compiled records edited by Cline Morgan **KOON**, Ph.D. His handwritten manuscripts, titled "Two Thousand Descendants of Philip **COON** (**KOON**) of West Virginia" and "A Preliminary Study of Philip **COON**" were recorded by the LDS church on FHC microfilms #833044 and #547830. There is a wealth of good information about the **COON/KOON** family, as well as a good sources list in these manuscripts.

"In looking through these records and the sources that are quoted for the information, **BRAUM**'s conclusion is that, "although I believe there was a Charity **COON**, d/o Philip, born in 1760 somewhere near Philadelphia, she is not the Charity **COON** that married Henry **HINZMAN**. I believe that Philip's daughter either died young without marrying, ran off to seek her fortune or simply married someone and lived happily, and apparently untraceably, ever after.

"A more likely origin for our Charity **COON HINZMAN** is New Jersey, not the Isle of Jersey in the English Channel or Philadelphia. The age discrepancy (see Jim **HALTERMAN**'s notes below) that shows up in the many different records is one indication that something isn't quite right about Charity. I think it's because there are really two Charitys and there was an assumption made somewhere along the line that they were the same person.

"Charity's mother, Mary **COZAD**, didn't help much. It seems that the **COZADs**, **SUTTONs** and **COONs** were all good Baptists and didn't take well to the Government messing with their marriage records and ceremonies. So we don't have any record of her marriage to John **COON** or her later marriage to Benjamin **CUTLER**.

"We do know that the **COON** and **COZAD** families go way back several generations in NJ. Mary's grandfather, Jacob **COSSART**'s, final resting place is given as "the **COON** family lot" of the Presbyterian Church "Old Cemetery" in Bound Brook, NJ. And Thomas **COON**, possibly John's grandfather, was a witness on Jacob's Will. (*Hackers Creek Journal* Vol IV-2 pp84-86)," continues **BRAUM**.

"It seems likely to me that Mary **COZAD** & John **COON** were married about 1770, possibly by her father or grandfather, who were Baptist ministers, or one of her 4 uncles, who were also Baptist ministers. Their three children - John, Jr b.1771, Charity b.1773 and Anthony b.1775 - are all listed in the Harrison Co., WV marriage records.

"Bill **BRILEY** (of Eugene, OR) has sent me some notes on his search for Benjamin **CUTLER**'s origins. This helps to place Mary **COZAD COON**, Charity's mother.

"Benjamin **CUTLER** lived in Morris Co., NJ from 1775-1778 serving in the militia. Mary **COZAD COON** married Benjamin **CUTLER** in 1775 after John **COON** was "killed by Indians." It's unclear when or how they met, perhaps in the Indian campaigns, but their first child, Benjamin was born in 1776.

"Benjamin **CUTLER** is on a deed in Fayette Co., PA in 1784, then shows up in the 1790 census in Harrison Co., VA. Seven of Mary's children are married in Harrison Co., VA between 1784 and 1799, suggesting that the family had moved to W(VA) by about 1784. Then their last child, Mercy Ann, is married to John **SUTTON** (from NJ) in 1802 in the NW Territory (OH). John **SUTTON** and Benjamin **CUTLER** both show up on the tax lists for Greene Co., OH (1800-1810), and Mary **COZAD CUTLER** was laid to her final rest in the **COZAD** Cemetery in Fairfield, Greene Co., OH on 17 June 1811."

According to Stephen Edgar **HINZMAN**, a grandson, Charity was a very strong pioneer woman. She was born with a club foot, called reel-footed at that time. Stephen said that Charity could stand in a one-half bushel basket to keep her from reeling, and balance a three-bushel bag of wheat on her shoulders.

Charity **COON**'s gravestone in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, in Roane County, reads, - Charity, w/o/ Henry **HINZMAN**, d. 13 March 1872, aged 114 years.

The following comparison of records and analysis done by Jim **HALTERMAN** puts some perspective on Charity **COON**'s age and adds to her history.¹¹

"The LDS records in Salt Lake City, Utah, state that Charity was a daughter of Phillip **COON**, of Pennsylvania, who

¹¹ <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/a/I/James-A-Halterman/GENE1-0001.html>

settled in Harrison County, Virginia and built Coons Fort there around 1774. However, in researching other genealogies and the marriage application of Henry and Charity, the following seems most likely.

"The **SUTTON** family history, states that Charity's parents were Mary **COZAD**, b. 1756, and John **COON**, of Somerset County, New Jersey. John was killed by Indians about 1774 and Mary then married Benjamin **CUTLER** in 1775. Mary died June 14, 1811 and is buried at Fairborn, Green County, Ohio. If we go by the above figures, the mother would have been about 10 years of age at Charity's birth. Also, Charity would have been 59 when her last child was born! These figures seem a bit absurd."

However, Henry's and Charity's marriage application of file in Harrison County sheds additional light on Charity's age. The requests and applications for license to marry are recorded and on file in Harrison County, West Virginia, and are worded as follows:

Know all men by these presents, that we, Henry **HYNEMAN**, and Thomas **BERRY**, both of the County of Harrison, and the State of Virginia, are held and firmly bound unto the Govenor and His Successors, in the final sum of fifty pounds, current money of Virginia. We bind ourselves and any executors and administrators firmly by the present witnesses on hand, this 23rd day of September, 1794, and 19th year of the Commonwealth. The condition of the above obligation is such that if there should be an lawful cause to obstruct the marriage intended between the above bound Henry **HYNEMAN** and Charity **COON**, both of this County, the above obligation be void. Otherwise, to remain if full force an virtue.
signed - Benj. Wilson, Henry **HINZMAN**'s mark, and Thomas **BERRY**.

September 23, 1794

You will be pleased to give a marriage license to Henry **HYNEMAN**, to get married to me as I am of full age.
signed - Margaret ? (her mark), Charity **COON** (her mark)

This is to certify that Charity **COON**'s twenty-one years of age, and that I am consented to her marriage with Henry **HINEMAN**.

signed - Mary **CUTLER** (her mark), Thomas **BERRY**

Note that Charity was given as being 21 years of age. The record is signed by Thomas **BERRY** and Mary **CUTLER**. Assuming this is correct she would have been born in 1773 and her mother would have been age 17 when she gave life to Charity. Then Charity's age at the time of her last child would be 46, another reasonable deduction. Taking these factors into consideration, Charity's age at death would be 99, a ripe old age and not uncommon to **HINZMAN** descendants.

Henry and Charity (**COON**) **HINZMAN** were the parents of eleven children whose names were written in the **HINZMAN** family Bible and, fortunately for today's researchers, submitted to the Bureau of Pension/General Services Administration when Charity applied for pension on Henry's service in the Pennsylvania Line.

Charity **COON HINZMAN**, with help from her son Thomas C. **HINZMAN**, began the process of trying to claim her widow's pension as early as 1857 according to a photocopy in **STALNAKER'S** possession. The document is accompanied by the certification of Henry **HINZMAN**'s service in Captain **GREY**'s Company, 4th Regiment Pennsylvania Line.¹²

The letter, written by T.C. **HINZMAN** reads¹³:

Lewis County Virginia Sept 15

Mr. T.T. **AARLLSON** Esq Dear Sir I recd your leter with the act of the legislature of Pennsylvania allowing my mother forty dollars a year which She is ever thankfull for and also a gratuity of forty dollars which you can take your pay for your labors and send the twenty dollars to me as she given me Power of atorny, to act and do her busness with you and I will forward it to her as soon as I receive it you stated in your letter that you wood send her a draft at _____ son at new york it would bee more convenient if you could send the money or draft some salvert bank of Baltimore that

¹² The author is uncertain of the source of these documents but suspects they are a part of the pension file.

¹³ The letter is printed exactly as it was written including punctuation and misspellings.

could be cashd here I must say to you that your excuse for not writing to me sooner is very _____ you will find in closed in this the order to _lift the money with the old bible record you will find from the date of that record that it was taken from an older Dutch bible and transferred in this one that these leaves was taken¹⁴ and you will see that father spelt **HINMAN & HINZMAN** in difrent ways I see in looking over his two receps that the commitioners of the revenue and Sherriffs written his name **HINSMAN + HINEMAN** Hindsman **HINZMAN** and his sons and daughters have all written thear names **HINZMAN**

Any information that you want write to me and as _____ as lay in my power I will give

No more at present

September 15 1857

¹⁴ Family records from the old Bible of Henry **HINSMAN** and Charity **COON** state they were married in the year of our Lord 1794, September the 16th. (prints received from the GSA Department indicate the actual pages from the old Bible are on file with the pension application in Washington.

Birth of Children (note the varied spelling of the surname)

Abraham **HINSMAN** was born the 29 day of June 1795

Thomas C. **HINZMAN** was born the 2 day of March 1797

Sarah **HINESMAN** was born the 16 day of Feb 1799

Mersey & Elizabeth **HINESMAN** was born the 19 day of March 1801

Henry **HINESMAN** Junr. was born the 20th day of March 1803

William **HINESMAN** was born March the 19th 1805

David **HINDSMAN** was born May the 10 1807

Mary **HINESMAN** was born the 29th day of June 1810

John **HINESMAN** was born the 11 day of July 1813

Rebecca **HINESMAN** was born the 19th day of July 1816

Charity **HINESMAN** was born the 25 day of Feb 1819

We, Jacob H. **BONNETT** and William **CARTER** do certify that the above is true copy of the old family Bible of Henry **HINESMAN**, dec., in the possession of his widow, Charity **HINESMAN**. Given under our hands this 18 day of April 1857.

signed - Jacob H. **BONNETT** and William **CARTER**.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 18th day of April 1857.
signed - Wm. **GANDEE**

Charity **COON HINZMAN** officially filed for Pension 4 April 1859 with the following declaration:

State of Virginia
County of Roane

On this Fourth day of April, in the year A.D. 1859, personally appeared in open court of Record holder, within and for said county and State aforesaid, Mrs. Charity **HINESMAN**, who is a resident of said county and State, aged between 90 and 100 years.

Who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 29th day of July A.D. 1848.

That she is the widow of Henry **HINESMAN**, late of Lewis County, State aforesaid, deceased, who was a Private in the War of the American Revolution, and she frequently heard him relate in his lifetime to-Wit; That he enlisted or volunteered at the City of Philadelphia in the Summer of 1779 or 1780 for the term of some six or nine months and was attached she thinks to the Artillery.

That having been honorably discharged from said Service at the expiration of said term, he again enlisted to serve three years and served in one of the Pennsylvania Regiments until the close of the War, thinks in July or August 1783, thinks the Regiment was commanded part of the time by Col. Butler. That in consequence of loss of memory by age and lapse of time since the death of said husband, she is unable to give the names of his officers. Thinks the name of one of his Captains was **GRAY** or **KENNEDA**. That his second enlistment was about the time of the Revolt of the Pennsylvania Line at which several of the Regiments was consolidated.

She further declares that she was married to the said Henry **HINSMAN** at Harrison County, Virginia on the 16th day of September 1894, by one John **LOVEBERRY** a Preacher of the Baptist denomination. That her name prior to her marriage with the said Henry was Charity **COON**. That the said Henry

HINDSMAN her husband died at Hackers Creek, Lewis County, Virginia on the 24th day of December 1827. She further swears that she was a widow at the passage of the Act and is still a widow and that she has never before made application for a United States pension but has received bounty land from the United States under Act 3rd March 1855 that the record evidence of her marriage and Births of Children and death of Husband was filed with the papers of her declaration for said Bounty Land and asks that reference may be had thereto for proof of same. signed - Charity **HINESMAN** (her mark) Witness - Henry **GLAZE**, Abram **RAINES**

Sworn and Subscribed before me the Presiding Justice of the aforesaid court of Record holder at Spencer in and for the County of Roane, State aforesaid on this 4th day of April A.D. 1859, and I certify that the consequence same was signed in open court. signed - David **SERGEANT** R.H.

State of Virginia

County of (Lewis marked out) Roane, S.S.

On this 18th day of April, A.D. 1857, personally appeared before me acting Justice of the Peace, within and for Said County and State, Mrs. Charity **HINSMAN**, aged 88 years, who is a resident of the county aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law doth dispose and Say that She is the Widow of Henry **HINSMAN**, late of Said County, deceased.

Who, in his lifetime, represented himself as having been a Soldier in the American Revolutionary War. That in the year 1780, he volunteered at the City of Philadelphia for the term of Seven or Nine months, as she had heard him frequently say, in the Company of Command of Captain _____ **GREY**, and was attached to Colonel **PROCTOR**s Artillery.

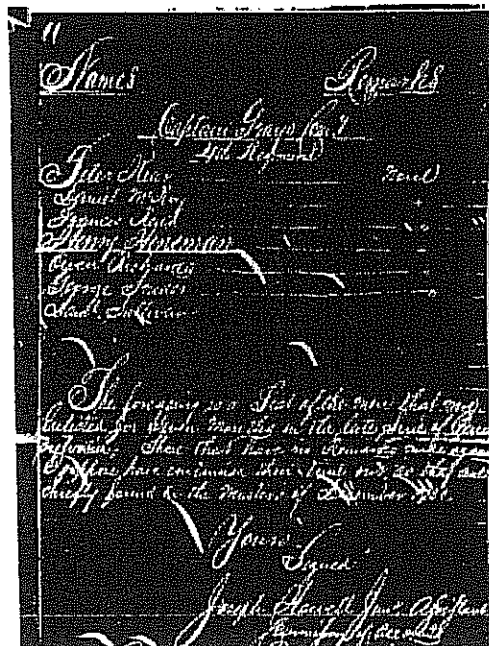
That after said term of Service expired, he then enlisted for the term of three years, and served until the close of the said War, then he was again discharged in the City of Philadelphia. That Said Services, was as she thinks from the best of her recollection of said Husbands frequent conversations,

many years since, respecting the War. In the company commanded by one Capt. **KENNADA**, and in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Butler and thinks she has heard him say that it was the Fourth Pennsylvania Regiment. That she the said deponent may be mistakes, as to the names of officers and dates in consequence of Superannuation and the great length of time since the death of her said husband which is near thirty years.

She further states that she was married to him, the Said Henry **HINSMAN**, at the County of Harrison, Va., of the sixteenth day of September in the year A.D. 1794, by one John **LOVEBERRY** who was a preacher in the Baptist Church and that her name prior to her marriage was Charity **COON**. That her said Husband died at the County of Lewis, State aforesaid on the 24th day of December A.D., 1827.

That she is now a Widow and has not intermarried since the death of her said Husband. the said Henry **HINSMAN**. And that she has not heretofore made any application for Bounty Land nor received Bounty Land from the United States under any act of Congress.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the act of Congress approved March 3, 1855 and c. And authorizes F.F.A **WILSON**, of Mead-



Certification of Henry **HINSMAN**'s service in Capt **GRAY**'s
Company, 4th Regt. Pennsylvania Line
ville, Pennsylvania, and Geo. C. **AMES**, Esq. of
Washington City, D.C., as her true and lawful attorneys
in the projection of the same and prays the department
of the Interior that in consequence of her advanced
age and indigency of circumstances that her claim may
be examined at an early day. signed - Charity
HINESMAN (her mark)

The Widows Pension Record of Charity (**COON**)
HINZMAN, No. W 3549, BLWt 73598-160-55, granted on the
services of her husband, Henry **HINESMAN**, of the Continental
Pennsylvania Line, as copied from records of the General
Services Administration, Washington, D.C., reads as follows:

" Wheeling: Charity **HINESMAN**, widow of Henry who
served in the Revolutionary War, as a Private.
Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of 23 dollars 33 cents
per annum, to commence on the 4th day of September
1860. Certificate of Pension issued the 16th day of
June 1866, and sent to George A. Jackson, Weston,
West Virginia. Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under
act of July 29, 1848, page 146, Vol. 26."

She also was to receive back pay from 4 March 1848.
On 4 September 1860, her name was dropped from the Pension
Rolls.

In her petition for reinstatement, made 26 May 1865, in
the County of Roane, State of West Virginia, Charity **HINSEMAN**
testified that she was unable to labor on account of her
advanced age and that "she had not, in any manner, encouraged
the Rebels or manifested a sympathy with the cause of the
Rebellion." Her name was reinstated to the Pension Rolls on
June 16, 1866.

Records in the Treasury Department show that at the
time of her death, Charity **HINSEMAN** was receiving \$10.27 per
month, and the last payment was made to Stephen **STARCHER**,
Administrator.

Charity died on March 13, 1872, at the home of her son-in-law, Stephen **STARCHER**, in Roane County, West Virginia. The following document is on file in Roane County, concerning the death of Charity **HINZMAN**:

This day, at the request of Stephen **STARCHER**, he was duly appointed administrator of the estate of Charity **HINSEMAN**, dead, and he, having entered into and acknowledged a bond in the sum of five-hundred dollars, conditioned as the laws of the State of West Virginia allows, with Isaac W. **KOUN** as his security. Authority was granted him to act as such guardian as aforesaid. signed Wm W. **NOYES**, R.R.C.

JACKSON REUNION

Descendants of John and Elizabeth CUMMINS Jackson will be having their reunion Saturday August 12 at Jackson's Mill. Details are on the Jackson Brigade website:
<http://www.eq.bucknell.edu/~hyde/jackson/>

QUERIES??????

1. I am looking for the daughter of Winfield C. **SNODGRASS** & his 1st wife, Sarah **SWISHER**, who died after being burned. The child's name was Nola & it is believed that she married & lived in Clarksburg. His 2nd wife was Mary Sophia **HINZMAN** whom he married in 1901.. Thanks, Carolyn H. **RAMSAY** 58 Tyler Circle Strasburg, VA 22657 or ramsaych6@yahoo.com
2. Saint Ledger **STOUT**, b: Feb 1755, Hunterdon Co, NJ, d: 6 Apr 1806, Randolph Co, VA, m: Ann **BARKALOW**, d/o James **BARKALOW** and Elizabeth **JOHNSON**. Known children, John **STOUT**, b: 21 Dec 1795, d: 6 May 1858, m: Mary Barbara **COSNER**. Leonard **STOUT**, b: 25 Dec 1799, d: 17 Sep 1892, m: Rachel **HOFF** After Saint Ledger's death Ann married a William **SMITH**. On Leonard **STOUT**'s marriage bond record found in the Harrison Co. marriage records he is the stepson of William **SMITH**. Rachel is the d/o Anthony **HOFF**. Can anyone tell me anything about the William **SMITH** that married Ann and what happened to them? Where was Saint Ledger **STOUT** buried? Rollie J. **NEAL**, RR 5 Box 613C, Clarksburg, WV 26301-9330 rjneal@cebridge.net (304)745-4422
3. Need parents of Catherine **COUNTRYMAN**, wife of Austin **SCHOOLCRAFT** and mother of John, James, Matthias and Katherine **SCHOOLCRAFT**. Born ca. 1720. Family emigrated from the Albany/Schenectady area of New York in the late 1740's to Berks County, PA, and then successively to what became Highland County, VA, Grant County, WV, and Upshur County, WV. Dennis **RODGERS**, 801 Ayrshire Circle, Champaign, IL 61820 ecomantoo@insightbb.com

4. Searching for descendants of Margaret **REYNOLDS**, 1836-1903, married to Jacob **WAGNER** in 1857 in Taylor Co. Children were Perry, Sophronia **CASTO**, Jacob E., Rosie, and William Delta **WAGNER**. Most of family was in Upshur Co. Please contact sueneff@comcast. Sue **NEFF**, 6319 Sundance Trail, Brighton, MI 48116
5. Seeking information on **POWELL**. Need first name of husband of Jemima Inez (**BRITTON**) **POWELL**. Jemima died January 8, 1923 in Huntington, WV. At the time of her death she was a widow. She is buried in Woodmere Cemetery, Cabell County, WV. Edna **BRITTON**, 206 Second Street, Terra Alta, WV 26764-1447 ebritton@gcnetmail.net
6. Need parents of Margaret **SWANN** or **SNARR**. Have seen records both ways. She b. 1757 and d. 28 Jul 1847 in Horn Creek, Gilmer, Co., WV. She was married to Jacob **BUSH/BUSCH** ca 1779. He b. 1756 Hampshire Co., WV and d. 27 Nov 1832 in Gilmer Co., WV. Appreciate any help on these families.

I have Elizabeth **GIVENS** b. ca 1731, who m. William **STEWART** ca 1750 maybe in Lancaster Co, PA. He died 10 Feb 1811 near Stewarttown, Monongalia Co., WV and Elizabeth d. 8 Nov 1813. Where are they buried? Who are her parents? Does anyone know anything about this family?

Henry b. 18 Jan 1804 d. 12 Feb 1876 and he m. Sophia **MEANS** (d/o Robert **MEANS** and his 2nd wife Mary **HENRY**). Have not been able to find their marriage record but believe they m. in 1826. They lived near Weston, Lewis Co., WV. On 1850 census of Lewis Co., Henry said he was b. in OH? Does anyone know where? Many **GLAZE** families are in OH, Brown and Ross Co. but I have not been able to find his family.

John Webster **BUTCHER** s/o Joseph **BUTCHER** and Eunice **FISHER**, was b. near Weston, Lewis Co. 29 Jun 1828. The family tradition was he eloped to Roane Co. with Eliza Luverna **GLAZE** in 1852. I have done clusters of counties and cannot find any marriage record of any kind for them. Eliza b. 30 Mar 1833, d. 16 Jan 1917 and John Webster d. 9 Jul 1910, both in Spencer, Roane Co., WV. Appreciate any information on these families. Happy to share any material.

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WA 99218 ph: [509] 467-2299 toppline@comcast.net My
ahnatafel chart is on the web site at
<http://home.comcast.net/~toppline/antafl.htm>

7. Seeking Descendants of SARAH E **CAVINS CLARK** who
resided in Elkins, Randolph County in 1930. Husband was
Benjamin Franklin **CLARK**. Known children: MAMIE,
HAZEL, JOHN, HOMER, ETHEL, CHARLES, LAFAYETTE
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CAVINS, 5330 Poinsetta Avenue, Winter Park FL 32792,
407-677-0072

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